

Summary of the RESTORE Act Manager's Amendment

- Clarifies that nothing in the Act or the amendments to the Act shall be construed to prohibit lawful surveillance necessary to:
 - prevent Osama Bin Laden, al Qaeda, or any other terrorist organization from attacking the U.S., any U.S. person, or any ally of the U.S.;
 - ensure the safety and security of our Armed Forces or other national security or intelligence personnel;
 - protect the U.S., any U.S. person, or any U.S. ally from the threat of WMD or any other threats to national security.
- Clarifies that the RESTORE Act shall not be construed to prohibit surveillance of, or grant any rights to undocumented aliens.
- NSA and other agencies can only disseminate U.S. person identifying information (e.g., the name, address, phone number of a U.S. person) to other government agencies if a Senior Executive determines that such dissemination is necessary to understand the value of the intelligence and to protect national security.
- Establishes criteria for the FISA Court to determine whether the “reverse targeting” guidelines sufficiently protect U.S. person communications intercepted by the NSA.